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SUBJECT: SUEZ AND THE

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1. THE EMBASSY HAS AGAIN BEEN CONTACTED BY MR. L. EDGAR DETWEILER WHO HAS REPORTEDLY JUST RETURNED FROM ANOTHER SERIES OF EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HEGAZI AND OTHER PROMINENT EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS. IN A LONG AND RATHER RAMBLING DISCOURSE DETWEILER REPORTED THAT HE HAS BEEN MADE A MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE (WHICH

INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM HEGAZI'S OFFICE, THE MINISTRY OF RECONSTRUCTION, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON) WHICH HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR A CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORT.

2. AIM OF THE COMMITTEE, ACCORDING TO DETWEILER, IS TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE WHITE
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HOUSE BY MEANS OF
PUBLICITY ON THE DAMAGE INFLICTED ON THE SUEZ CANAL
CITIES BY ISRAEL. DETWEILER SAYS THAT A
FILM HAS BEEN
PREPARED ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH WILL BE PRINTED THIS

WEEK
AND BE READY FOR HIM TO TAKE BACK TO THE STATES
WHEN HE LEAVES ON AUGUST 29. HE INTENDS TO UTILIZE
THE MEMBERS OF HIS COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
HIS PERSONAL CONTACTS, PUSHING THE ISSUE WITH
VP-DESIGNATE ROCKEFELLER AND THROUGH HIM PRESIDENT
FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER.

3. THE ONLY OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO DETWENLER'S BIG
SUEZ AREA DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (REFTEL) WAS HIS CLAIM
THAT PRESIDENT SADAT DOES NOT INTEND TO GO AHEAD ON
ANY MAJOR PROGRAM IN THE AREA UNLESS AND UNTIL HE HAS
THE SINAI. AS ALMOST A SUB-HEADING TO THE PRECEDING
LINE, DETWEILER ALSO MENTIONED SADAT'S CONCERN FOR
THE SYRIAN AND JORDANIAN TERRITORY.
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